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【前巻までのお話】女性の裸身を見ることで、特定元素を自在に操ることができる能力者、その名もクェイサー。数年の死闘に終止符を打つべくアトスはアテプトの重点マグノリアへの侵攻を開始。敵のクェイサーのサーシャも新たな生神女のミリアムと共に、この作戦に参加する。しかし優れたフールとメテオラ巡回の8923による圧倒的な女の虐殺を阻止するため、サーシャはアテプトの男と共闘することになる。そして、ついにマグノリアは炎の中で陥落するのであった。

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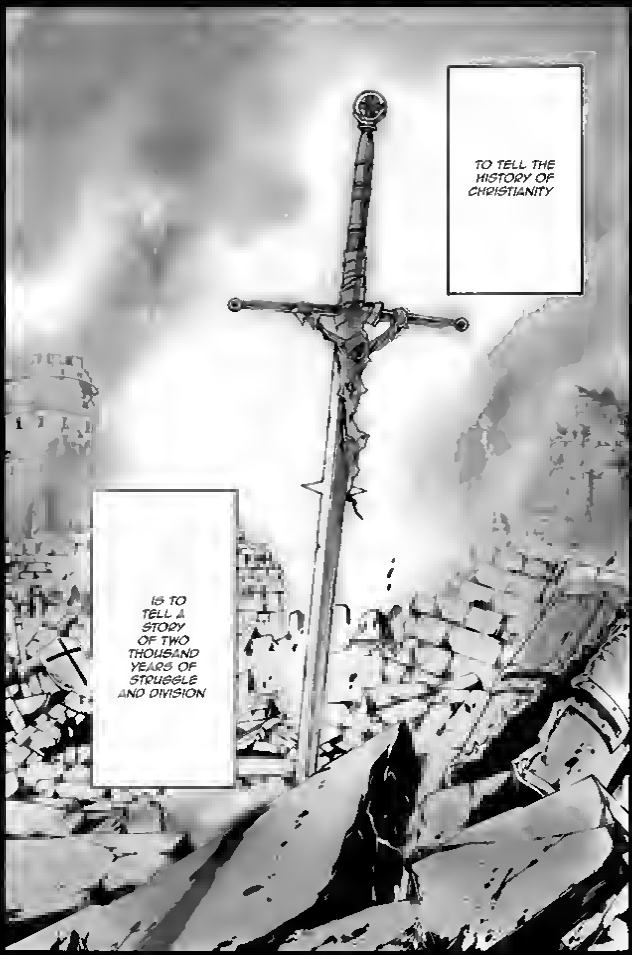
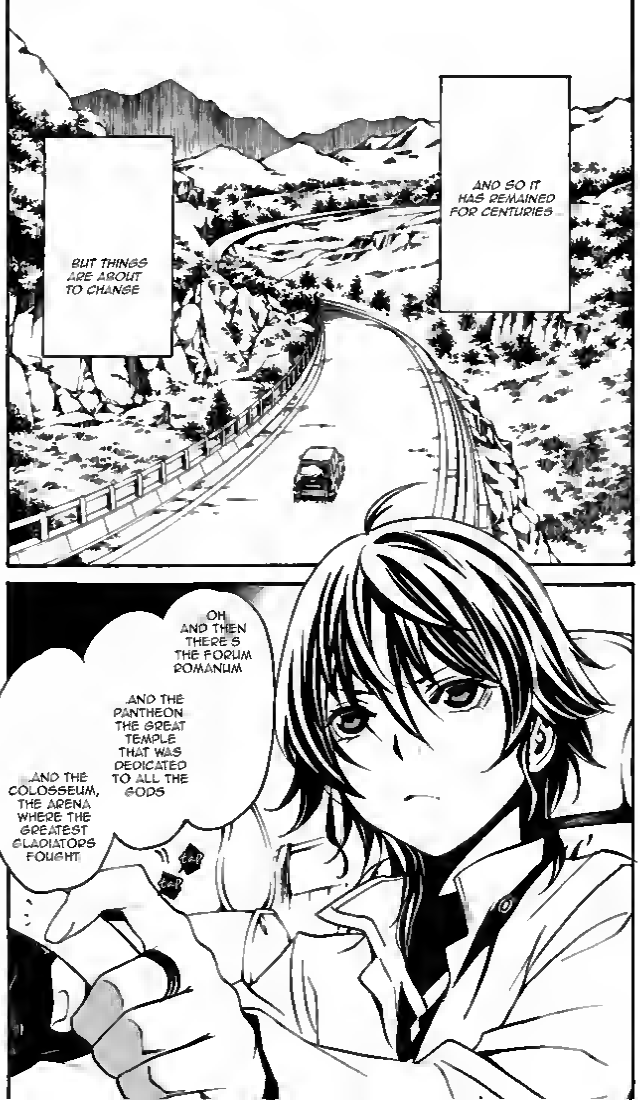
# Chapter 89: All Roads Lead to Rome



HOWEVER BECAUSE OF ITS ENORMOUS SPAN AND INFLUENCE ITS DOCTRINE WAS CONSTANTLY QUESTIONED AND DEBATED
AND AFTER THREE HUNDRED YEARS IT HAD GROWN SO STRONG THAT IT EVEN CONQUERED THE ROMAN EMPIRE
THE FAITH WAS BORN IN A POOR AND NEGLECTED CORNER OF PALESTINE
IN THE YEAR 1024 THE INTERNAL STRUGGLE REACHED ITS MOST CRITICAL POINT
WHEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE FOURTH CRUSADE FROM THE WEST ATTACKED THE EASTERN CITY OF CONSTANTINOPLE
THE CHURCH ROSE IN POWER IN THE EAST AS WELL FOLLOWED BY A THOUSAND YEARS OF ARGUMENTS AND POLITICAL PLAYS
THE CHURCH RULED THE WEST AND WHEN THE MIGHTY EMPIRE FINALLY FELL
FROM THEN ON THE TWO BRANCHES WOULD GO SEPARATE PATHS AND MAKE SEPARATE HISTORIES
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN THE EAST AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WEST
WITH THAT A SCHISM WAS INEVITABLE AND THE FAITH WAS SPLIT INTO TWO DISTINCT BRANCHES


AND SO IT HAS REMAINED FOR CENTURIES
BUT THINGS ARE ABOUT TO CHANGE
OH, AND THEN THERE'S THE FORUM ROMANUM
...AND THE PANTHEON THE GREAT TEMPLE THAT WAS DEDICATED TO ALL THE GODS
...AND THE COLOSSEUM, THE ARENA WHERE THE GREATEST GLADIATORS FOUGHT

AND THERE'S THE ANCIENT PALATINE HILL, THE MYTHICAL BIRTHPLACE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE...
AND THE BATHS AND WATER SYSTEMS IN TOLEDO...
OH, AND OF COURSE THE VATICAN, THE HOLY CITY STATE OF THE CATHOLICS!
BRRMM
ROME
OH DEAR...
IT SAYS HERE THAT WHEN THERE'S A PAPAL CONCLAVE, THEY PUT A LOT OF RESTRICTIONS ON SIGHTSEEING IN ROME
BUT MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TO SEE...
ROME
HEY, JIIT!
YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO GO?
ROME
COON!

OF COURSE NOT!
SIGHT-SEEING!
BROTHER...
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR!
SHING
SKREE
HO-
HOLD ON JIITA!
IT WAS A JOKE!
A JOKE!
CARBON!
I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD MAKE YOU SMILE A LITTLE
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING SO GRIM LATELY
REEE

BROTHER...
BACK IN ST. MIHAILOV ACADEMY...
SORRY.
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHY WE'RE HERE
THEY FIX HIM...
...AND IN RETURN, WE'LL BE THEIR CAPTIVES.
SO WHEN WE GOT OUT OF THE SANCTUARY, I MADE A DEAL WITH THOSE
...MY BROTHER WAS CRITICALLY INJURED.
...AFTER THE FIGHT WITH FRIEDRICH TANNER...

SO, AFTER ALL THE SURGE-RIES...
...WE WERE TAKEN TO A SMALL CHURCH IN CYPRUS.
AND THAT'S WHERE THEY HAD US STAY.
One week ago, in Cyprus
MAGNOLIA...
IT'S TRUE.
YURI TOLD US...
...IS GONE?!

THAT HE, THE GOLDEN TYRANT,
HAD BETRAYED US ALL.
BECAUSE OF HIM, MAGNOLIA HAD BEEN DESTROYED...
...AND THE ADEPTS DISBANDED.

...
...NO WHAT'S MORE...
ASTARTE-SAMA AND TOMO ARE MISSING...
...AND OF ALL THE APOSTLES THAT WERE IN MAGNOLIA... ONLY ONE IS STILL ALIVE
BUT...
SO...
...IT'S BEEN DECIDED...
...THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER OUR CAPTIVES.
!!
THE ADEPTS AS THEY WERE ARE GONE...
...SO WE HAVE NO LOGICAL REASON TO BE ENEMIES ANYMORE
JIIT-A AND JOSHUA... WE DO THIS
BECAUSE ANCIENT RIVALRY ASIDE, WE BELIEVE YOUR DECENCY AND SENSE OF HONOR WON'T LET YOU TURN ON THOSE WHO HEALED YOU AND KEPT YOU FROM HARM

click
AND JUST LIKE THAT, WE WERE FREE...
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, OUR WORLD HAD CHANGED SO COMPLETELY WE HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO
SO WE WERE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE CHURCH...
AND IT WAS AT ABOUT THAT TIME...
...WE RECEIVED THE LETTER
"COME TO ROME IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH"...?
AND THAT'S ALL.
NOT EVEN A NAME!
JOSHUA...

!!
IT'S THE GOLD QWASER'S SIGIL!
THE WATER-MARK...!
THE LETTER'S FROM HIM?!

I'M NOT SURE IF WE REALLY SHOULD DO THIS
STILL...

Pat
WE'RE ONLY ALIVE THANKS TO HIM
WE CAN'T IGNORE THIS
BE-CAUSE
WE OWE HIM
EVEN IF HE'S MADE MIS-TAKES AND DONE THINGS WE DON'T AGREE WITH
IF HE WANTS US THERE
WE HAVE TO GO
WE OWE HIM OUR LIVES AND OUR GRATI-TUDE

BUT
WE'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN HIS FACE!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
WE'LL FIND HIM ANYWAY SOME-HOW!
BELIEVE ME, JIITA!
YEAH!
CLENCH
"ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME", AFTER ALL!
WE CAN DO THIS!
RRRMM
OKAY, LET'S GO!

?!
rattle
click
JIITA...
...!!
SCREECH
RRRRRRR

COME WITH ME!
UUH
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
GET LOST IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
NOW, NOW!
YOU HAVE TO REALIZE HOW YOU MAKE THIS LOOK!
I'D SAY YOU ARMED THUGS ARE THE VILLAINS HERE
...AND THE PRIEST LYING BACK THERE IS YOUR UNFORTUNATE VICTIM
DOES THAT SOUND ABOUT RIGHT?
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!
Stomp
REALLY, NOW
rise

SHUT UP!
YOU'RE DEAD MEAT!
BAM
IF YOU FIGHT US, YOU WON'T WIN
flutter
SHUNK

CRACK
WE CAN STOP HERE IF YOU WANT

WE
WE'LL REMEMBER THIS! JUST YOU WAIT!
I CAN'T PROMISE I'LL HOLD BACK
BUT IF WE MEET AGAIN
KRRRRRK
tremble
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
VROOOM
I BEG YOU...
TAKE ME TO ROME!
TO THE LEONARDO DA VINCI AIRPORT!
WHA
WA WA WA WA WA WA WA
BROTHER...?
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
grip

BUT PLEASE!
HELP ME FIND THIS GIRL!
SHE'S IN TERRIBLE DANGER!!
!!
MY NAME IS GREGORIO EPMENIUS...
...AND I'M JUST A LOWLY SERVANT OF GOD...
KLIK KLAK
Leonardo Da Vinci Airport
carpisa
la valigia assicurata

slip
click
HAAAaH...
LET'S SEE...
MY FLIGHT WAS DE-LAYED...
SOMEONE ALMOST RAN OFF WITH MY HAND-BAG
WHAT ELSE?

SHUFFLE
KLIK KLIK
Non entry
Do not enter
click
CHAK
OH YEAH, MY AIR-SICK-NESS PILLS DIDN'T WORK, LIKE, AT ALL...
AND THERE'S A CON-CLAVE GOING ON, WHAT-EVER THAT IS...
...SO THERE ARE PEOPLE ABSOLUTELY EVERYWHERE.
TOK
TOF

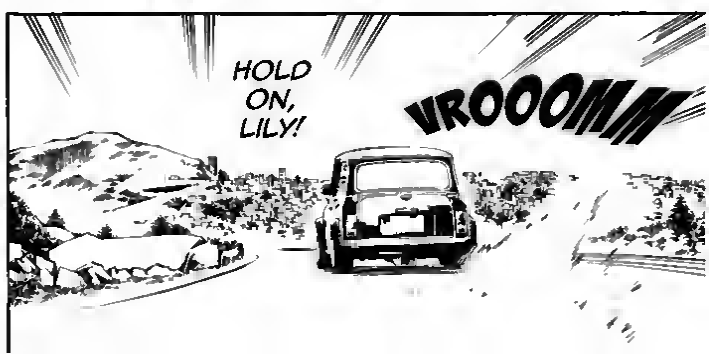
ha ha ha ha h-
AHA.
I'M RIGHT HERE WITH MAFUYU AND HANA IN KATJA'S EUROPE!
BUT I MADE IT!
BARAMM
SSH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!!
WHAT THE HELL?!!

CLATTER
RATTLE
NOTHING
NOTHING HERE
loom
BE QUIET OR I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW
WH—
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
press
WHERE DID YOU HIDE IT?
THERE SHOULD BE A SMALL PILL CASE IN YOUR HANDBAG
OKAY WHERE IS IT?
swip
TUG
YANK
UP
slide

THUD
TURN AROUND!
HANDS ON THE WALL!
SHRED
KYAA!
I
THIS HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!
I SWEAR I HAVEN'T—

QUIET
PUSH
KRRRR
THERE S SOMEWHERE I HAVEN T CHECKED YET
AFTER ALL
A WOMAN S BODY COMES WITH A BUILT-IN HIDING PLACE
...!!
GYAP

I THINK SHE'S BECOME INVOLVED IN A TERRORIST PLOT...
FATHER, WHAT KIND OF DANGER IS THIS GIRL IN?!
DANGER?!
?!
AGAINST THE PAPAL CONCLAVE!
RELIGIOUS TERRORISM OF THE HIGHEST ORDER!
GRIT

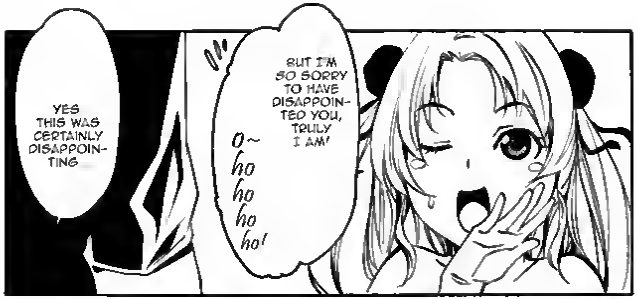


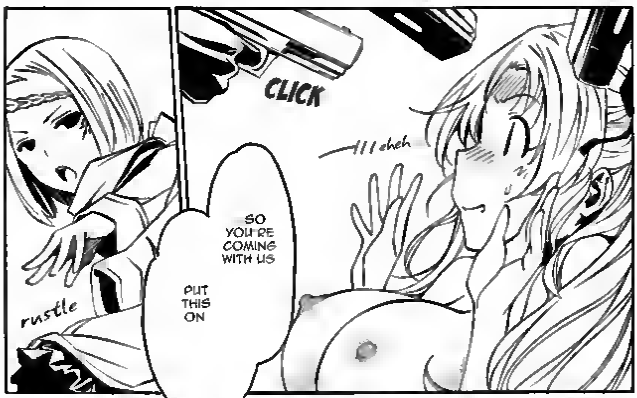

TRANSLATION, CLEANING AND TYPESETTING: FINEMANG
WWW.GWABBETY.
SCANS FROM: RAW-HUNTERS.COM

WE HAVE A COMRADE AT NARITA AIRPORT!
I KNOW HE SLIPPED A PILL CASE INTO YOUR HANDBAG!
TELL ME WHERE IT IS!
I SWEAR, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!

## Chapter 90: The Miracle on St. Peter's Square

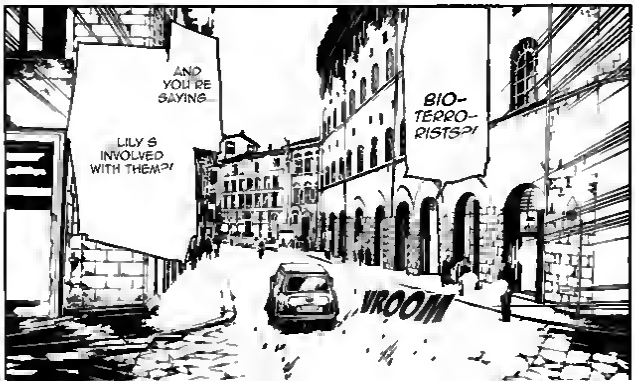
YOU WHAT?!
I... TOOK THEM.
TH IT'S IT!
WHERE IS IT?!
THE CASE IT WAS PINK, RIGHT?!
AND THERE WERE THREE PILLS IN IT!
OH WELL!
PFF
LOOK I GET AIRSICK!
I THOUGHT THEY WERE MEDICINE MY MAID PUT IN MY BAG FOR ME...
SO I TOOK THEM RIGHT AWAY!
glurb glurb
?
THESE PILLS LOOK KINDA WEIRD.
HER FLIGHT TOOK MORE THAN TWELVE HOURS!
ISN'T IT TOO LATE NOW?
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, FREY?
THIS GIRL...
YOU TOOK ALL THREE?!
WELL, YEAH!
JUST ONE NEVER WORKS!
BUT LISTEN, I GOT SICK ANY-WAY!

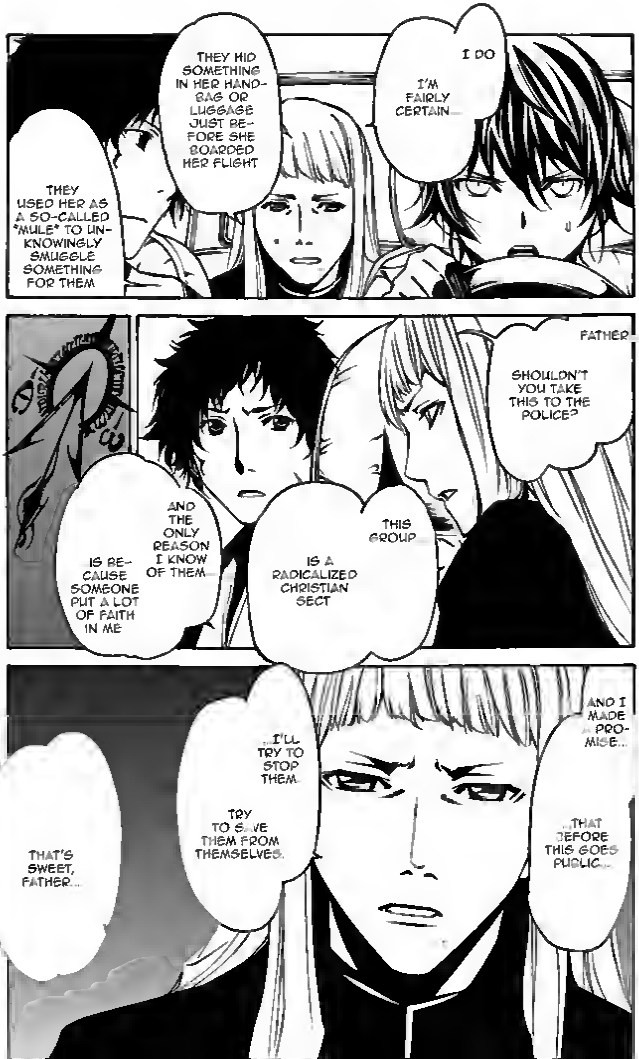

YES THIS WAS CERTAINLY DISAPPOINTING...
BUT I'M SO SORRY TO HAVE DISAPPOINTED YOU, TRULY I AM!
O~ HO HO HO HO!


CLICK
SO YOU'RE COMING WITH US
PUT THIS ON
rustle
eheh

WHAT WERE THEY, ANYWAY?
UM... THOSE PILLS...

glare
NOT PILLS
CAPSULES
AND THEY CONTAINED A LETHAL VIRUS
YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD ALREADY
...?!
hnk?!


AND YOU'RE SAYING...
LILY'S INVOLVED WITH THEM?!
BIO-TERRO-RISTS?!
VROOM


I DO
I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN...
THEY HID SOMETHING IN HER HAND-BAG OR LUGGAGE JUST BE-FORE SHE BOARDED HER FLIGHT
THEY USED HER AS A SO-CALLED "MULE" TO UN-KNOWINGLY SMUGGLE SOMETHING FOR THEM
FATHER...
SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE THIS TO THE POLICE?
THIS GROUP...
IS A RADICALIZED CHRISTIAN SECT
AND THE ONLY REASON I KNOW OF THEM...
IS BE-CAUSE SOMEONE PUT A LOT OF FAITH IN ME
AND I MADE A PRO-MISE...
...THAT BEFORE THIS GOES PUBLIC...
...I'LL TRY TO STOP THEM.
TRY TO S...VE THEM FROM THEMSELVES.
THAT'S SWEET, FATHER...

I CAN TELL...
YOU'VE SUFFERED SOME GREAT DISAPPOINT-MENTS IN YOUR LIFE
SOME PEOPLE SIMPLY CAN'T BE SAVED
SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST BEYOND HELP
BUT IN THIS WORLD...

YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT
grip

TOK TOK
SHE MIGHT STILL BE HERE!
LILY'S PLANE LANDED HALF AN HOUR AGO!
SHUFFLE
JIITA-SAN?!
YOU BASTARDS!
!!
LILY!

STOP!
SHOVE
SLAM
KYAA!
BROTHER?!
YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING US?!
YOU STAY HERE..
...OR THIS GUY'S DEAD!

I WON'T LET YOU LEAVE!
grit
THUNK

THUD

YOU
ARE A GOOD PERSON
JIITA-SAN
YOU REALLY THINK THOSE PEOPLE WOULDN'T RUN YOU OVER?!
ARE YOU FUCKING CRAZY?!
?
JUST NOW
I TOOK A LEAP OF FAITH IF YOU WILL
AND THANKS TO YOU, I SURVIVED
I'LL CHOOSE TO TAKE IT AS A SIGN FROM GOD
THAT I'M ON THE RIGHT PATH

I'M JOSHUA PHRYSI-ANOS
I'M JIITA'S BROTHER
YOU'RE TSUJIDO MIYURI, I PRESUME?
JIITA SAN'S
OH
IT'S NICE
TO FINALLY MEET YOU
haah
hah
MISS LILY?!
HEY!
hah

drip!
cut
IT TAKES 12 HOURS FOR THE CAPSULES TO MELT
AND ABOUT TWO HOURS TO DEVELOP THE FIRST SYMPTOMS OF CONTAGION
SO SHE'S RIGHT ON SCHEDULE
spat
swip
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
flinch
NOW
YOU AND I WILL SHARE HER FATE
lick
WE HAVE BECOME THE SPARKS
THAT WILL BRING A CLEANSING FLAME INTO THE WORLD.
?!

THE VIRUS IS EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE
ALL IT TAKES IS FOR A PIECE OF INFECTED MATERIAL TO TOUCH YOU...
AND IN TWO HOURS, THE VIRUS WILL HAVE SPREAD THROUGH YOUR ENTIRE BODY

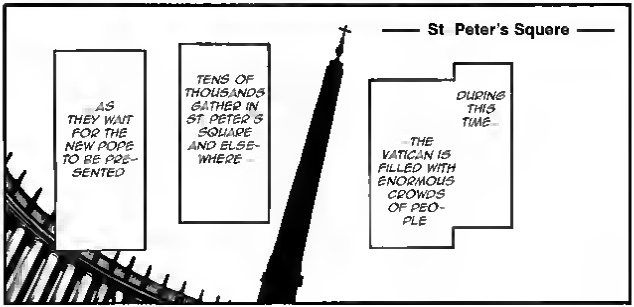
SO, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING, BECAUSE IT'S EVERYWHERE IN THEM. THE PERSONS CARRYING IT ARE THE VIRUS
OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE

EVEN A FRACTION OF A MILLIGRAM OF YOUR BODY LIKE THE SMALLEST DROP OF BLOOD—
WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SPREAD IT TO COUNTLESS OTHERS
AND
ONCE YOU'RE INFECTED

IN OTHER WORDS
YOU THINK THESE FUCKING PEOPLE ARE PLANNING TO GET INFECTED AND BLOW THEMSELVES UP!
LIKE WALKING VIRUS BOMBS!
WHAP
PROBABLY
BY SPREADING THEIR BLOOD FAR AND WIDE
THEY CAN INFECT A VAST NUMBER OF PEOPLE
WE HAVE TO FIND THEM!
THERE'S NO NEED
THE PAPAL CONCLAVE
THE VOTING WILL START THIS AFTERNOON
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT
RIGHT NOW THERE'S A PERFECT PLACE WHERE THEY CAN SPREAD THE VIRUS FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT
I'M CONFIDENT THEY'LL BE THERE
!!

IT'S THE PROCESS WHERE SOMEONE MOST OFTEN A CARDINAL IS MADE THE NEW POPE
OR IF HE ABDI-CATES
A CON-CLAVE IS HELD
WHEN THE SIT-TING POPE DIES

ANYTHING ELSE AND THE VOTING BEGINS AGAIN OVER AND OVER
UNTIL ONE CAN-DIDATE HAS RE-CEIVED AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF ALL THE VOTES
EVERY CARDINAL WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE CONCLAVE IS CONFINED TO THE SISTINE CHAPEL AND THERE THEY'LL REMAIN


St Peter's Square
AS THEY WAIT FOR THE NEW POPE TO BE PRE-SENTED
TENS OF THOUSANDS GATHER IN ST PETER'S SQUARE AND ELSE-WHERE
DURING THIS TIME
THE VATICAN IS FILLED WITH ENORMOUS CROWDS OF PEO-PLE

THE VIRUS TERRORISTS HAS TO BE HERE
IT'S A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE, ALL RIGHT...
THEY DON'T CONSIDER THEMSELVES TERRORISTS.
THEY BELIEVE THAT THE THE WORLD IS QUICKLY BECOMING TOO IMPURE FOR SALVATION.
...SO THEY WANT TO END IT NOW, SO THAT AS MANY SOULS AS POSSIBLE WILL BE SAVED
THEY'RE CALLED "TERMINALISTS"

TO CHANGE THE WORLD
I MUST CONFESS THAT I DO SHARE THEIR DESIRE...
BUT WHILE THEIR PHILO-SOPHY GOES AGAINST EVERY-THING I BE-LIEVE

NO...
I STILL DO
I USED WANT THAT TOO

AFTER ALL, IT'S WHY I JOINED THE ADEPTS
SO I COULD CHANGE THE WORLD
IT S WHY I FOLLOWED HIM

THEN...
WHY TRY TO STOP THEM NOW?
AFTER ALL...
ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOING THE RIGHT THING?
NO
I WAN-TED TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE
NOT END IT
THEN, IF YOU COULD HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE IT?
I USED TO KNOW...
...A LONG TIME AGO.
BUT NOW...
...I CAN'T SAY.

?
YOU HAVE DOUBTS
I DO NOT
IF YOU LISTEN TO YOUR INNER VOICE
...EVERY-THING BECOMES SO MUCH CLEARER
DADADADAM
AAAAH
DADADAM
!!
AND YOU WILL SOON FIND...
...THAT WHATEVER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE YOU ALWAYS HAD THE ANSWERS IN YOUR [illegible]RT

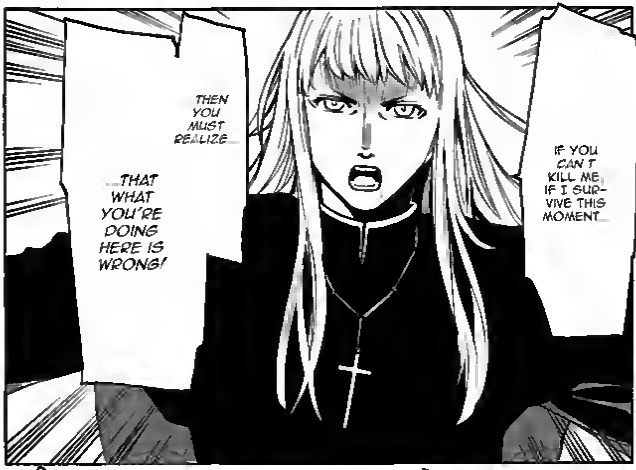
BADADADADAM
SCREECH
AAAAH!
DADADADAM!!
BADADADAM
ATATATATA
...!!

EVERY-BODY, STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!
IN THIS VAN...
...WE HAVE 200 KILOS OF TNT WIRED TO BLOW!
SLAM
WE'VE BEEN INFEC-TED...
...BY A LETHAL VIRUS!
BA-THUD
YANK
BA-THUD
JIITA...
BROTHER!!
LILY!

IF WE DETONATE THIS BOMB, WE WILL BE TORN TO PIECES...
...AND OUR FLESH AND BLOOD WILL RAIN DOWN ON YOU...
...AND INFECT YOU TOO!
tremble
I DON'T THINK MISS LILY WILL LAST MUCH LONGER!
I HAVE TO USE MY TRUMP CARD
SHAK
THE CARDINALS IN THE CONCLAVE
ARE ALL CORRUPT!
THEY'LL VOTE FOR A FALSE POPE!
IF THIS CONCLAVE ISN'T CANCELLED, I WILL DETONATE THE BOMB!
THIS IS BAD...
IF THE CROWD PANICS NOW, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT'LL HAPPEN.
step

THE FATHER?
THE PRIEST?!
IF YOU WANT A CARDINAL...
I AM ONE
I ONLY HAVE THE VERY LOWEST SEAT
BUT I DO HAVE THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO VOTE IN THE CONCLAVE
JUST ONE IS POINTLESS
IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT ALL THE CARDINALS BE PURIFIED
THEN PLEASE KILL ME FIRST

IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE AND IT IS INDEED GOD'S WILL...
I WILL DIE
HOW-EVER!
KLAK
KLIK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

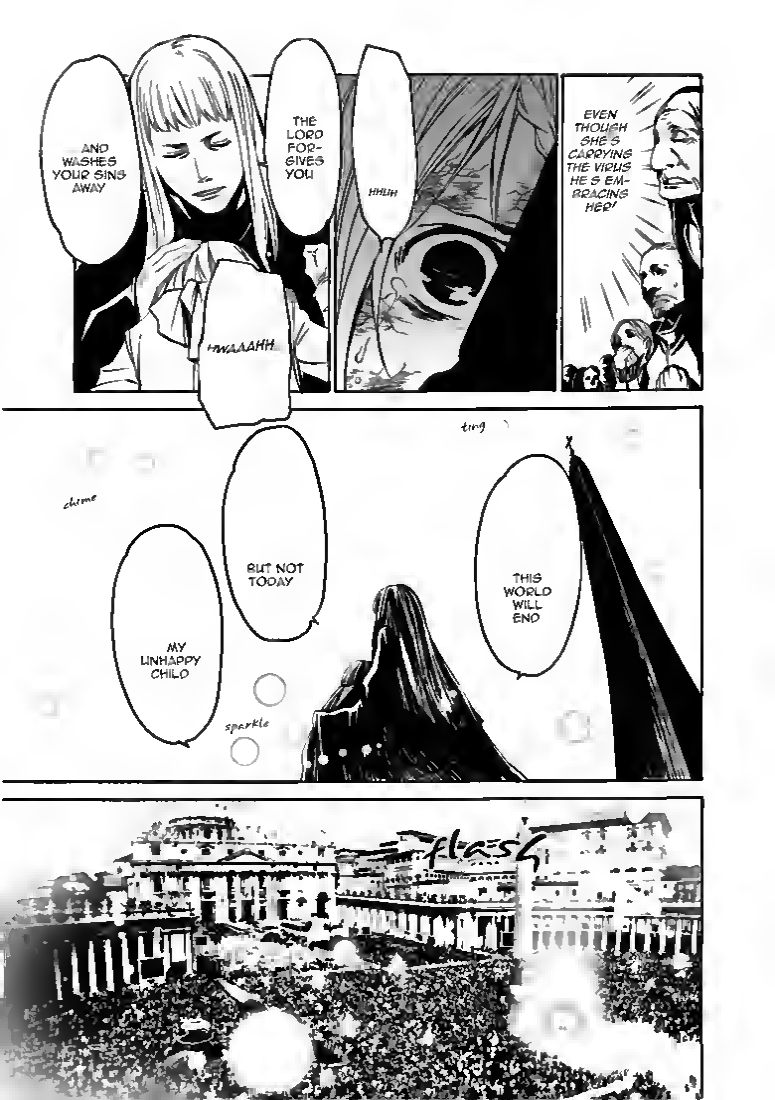

THEN YOU MUST REALIZE...
...THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE IS WRONG!
IF YOU CAN'T KILL ME IF I SUR-VIVE THIS MOMENT...

?!
SHUNK
EMPTY WORDS!
NOW FALL!

CHAK
FIRE!
WHOOSH
THAT IDIOT !
step
CHUNK
THUK
!!
AS YOU CAN SEE...
I'M STILL STANDING
ISN'T THIS PROOF THAT I'M RIGHT?
KH...!
step

CLICK
THE END HAS COME!
MY APOLOGIES.
BUT I SEEM TO HAVE DISABLED THE BOMB
HOW
CLICK CLICK CLICK

...KNOWS ALL OUR HEARTS
GOD...
slump
HE SEES IN US WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS FLAWED
AS WE LIVE OUR LIVES AND MAKE OUR CHOICES HE BEARS WITNESS TO ALL OUR SINS AND FOLLIES
AND YET, IF WE TRULY REPENT, HE FORGIVES
SUCH IS THE GRACE OF HIS END-LESS LOVE
HE'S EMBRACING HER?!
kneel

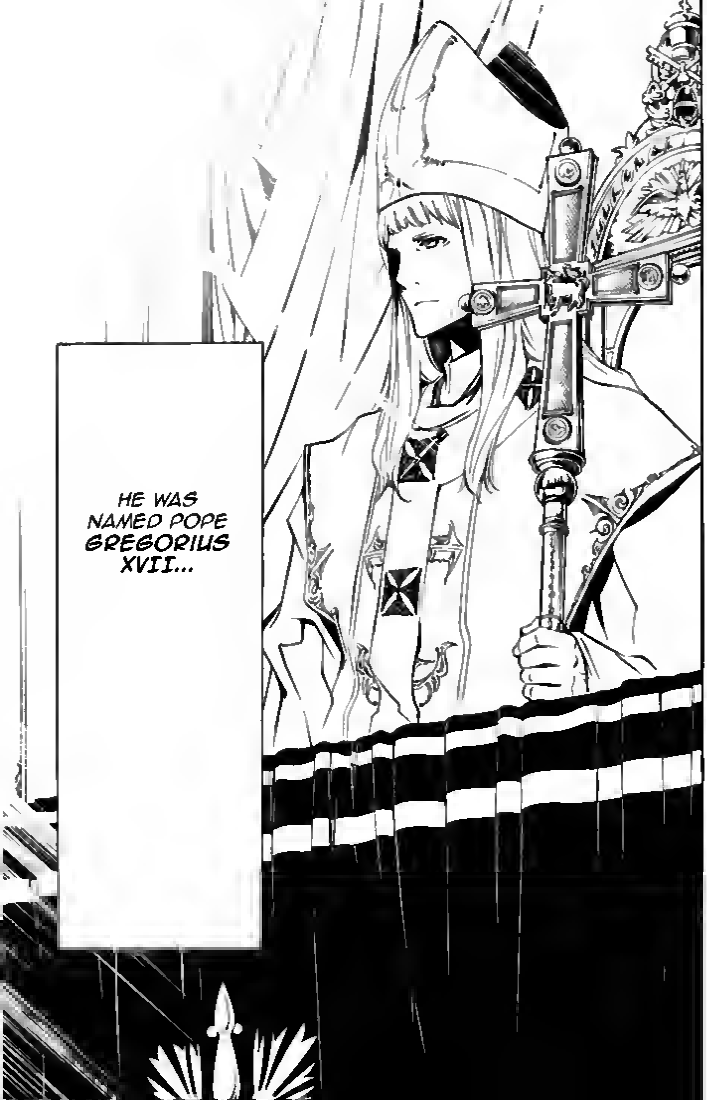

AND WASHES YOUR SINS AWAY
THE LORD FOR-GIVES YOU
HMLH
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S CARRYING THE VIRUS HE'S EM-BRACING HER!
HWAAAHH
chime
ting
BUT NOT TODAY
THIS WORLD WILL END
MY UNHAPPY CHILD
sparkle
flash

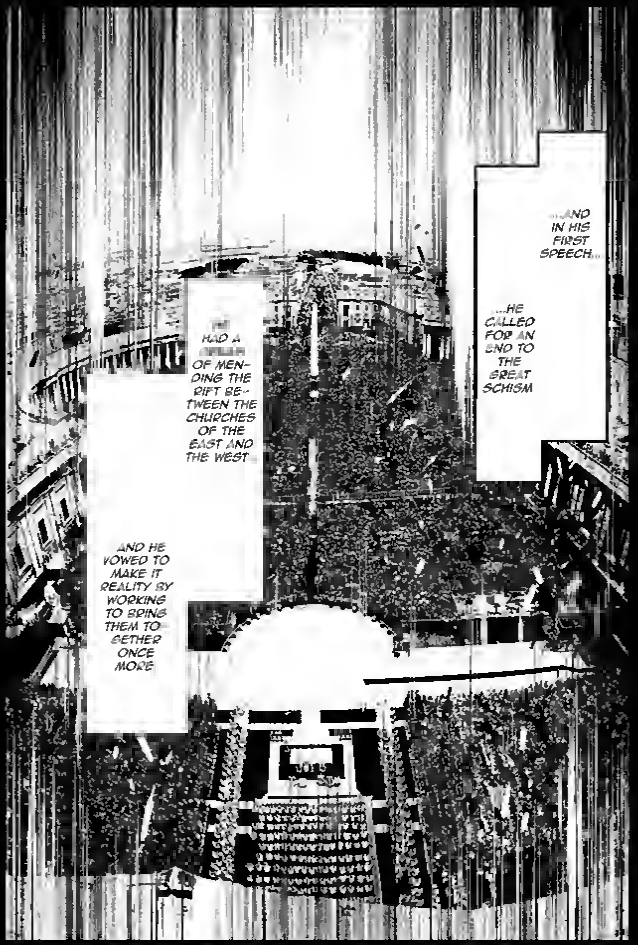
ssssshh
WHAT'S THIS... GOLDEN LIGHT ?
ting
...!!
LOOK!
THE SICKNESS IS GONE!
A MIRACLE!
IS THIS...?
CAN IT BE...?
shine
THIS MAN...
HE'S ONE OF US...?!

GOLD?!
IT CAN'T BE...
THIS WAVE MOTION...
I KNOW IT!
NANO-PARTICLES OF GOLD VIBRATING ON A CELLULAR LEVEL...
IT'S WHAT'S DRIVING OFF THE VIRUS...
BUT...
GREGORI...!
ARE YOU...?
YES...
...MY WAYWARD APOSTLES.
IT IS I.
!!
AND THIS WAS
-THE FINAL STEP.

OITA
I GAVE YOU CHANCE AFTER CHANCE
TO KILL ME TO LET ME DIE
BUT I LIVE.
BECAUSE YOU DOUBT...
...WHILE I...
...FOLLOW MY INNER VOICE.
THAT IS WHY THIS DAY IS MINE
STEP

BOOM
MOVES WITH CLARITY
BECAUSE HE WHO FOLLOWS HIS HEART...
DOWN
DOWN
THE VOTE WAS UN-ANIMOUS
CARDINAL GREGORIJ EPMENIJS WAS ELECTED THE NEW POPE
THE SHORTEST CONCLAVE IN HISTORY
AND SO BEGAN


HE WAS NAMED POPE GREGORIUS XVII...


...AND IN HIS FIRST SPEECH...
...HE CALLED FOR AN END TO THE GREAT SCHISM
HAD A [illegible] OF MENDING THE RIFT BETWEEN THE CHURCHES OF THE EAST AND THE WEST
AND HE VOWED TO MAKE IT REALITY BY WORKING TO BRING THEM TOGETHER ONCE MORE

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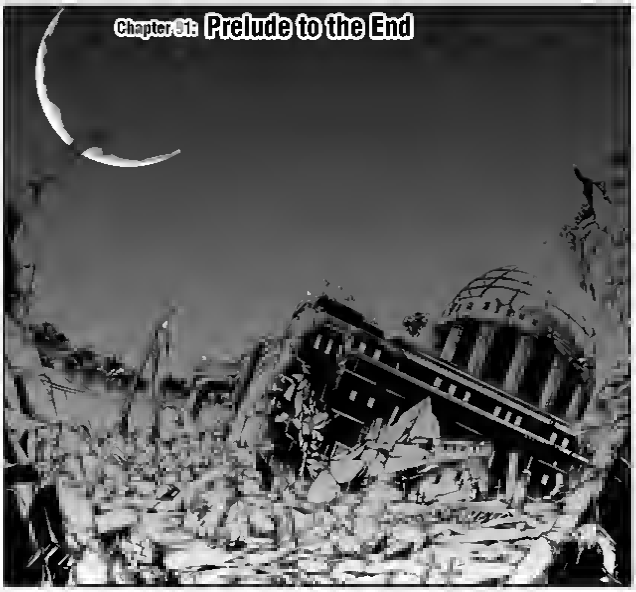


St. Mihailov Academy, the Water Sanctuary ruins

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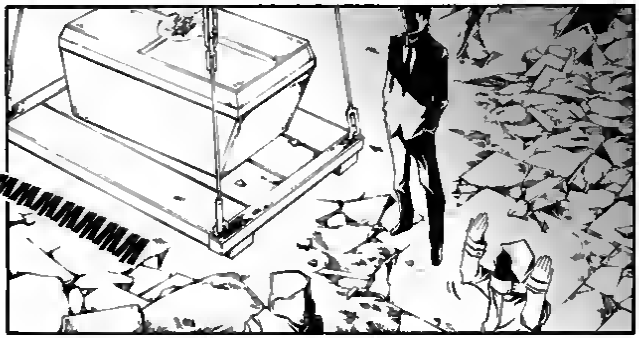
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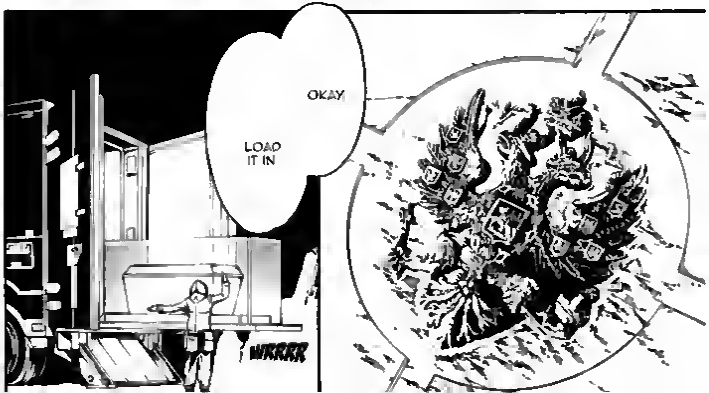
OKAY
LOAD IT IN
WRRRR

RMMMM
SO THIS IS HOW THE END BEGINS

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翠玲学園大学病院
SAID THE NEWLY ELECTED POPE GREGORIUS
IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON ST. PETER'S SQUARE, AFTER WHICH THE POPE IMMEDIATELY DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO REUNITE THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CHURCHES
SUIREI HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT 2ND YEAR
AMANO TSUBASA

SUIREI HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT 2ND YEAR
SETA MIYUKI
A HISTORIC DECISION...
THAT'S BEEN MET WITH NEARLY UNANIMOUS PRAISE, NOT JUST IN ROME
THE "GREAT REUNIFICATION", HUH?
SOUNDS LIKE A BIG DEAL...
BUT I DOUBT IT'LL AFFECT US ALL THAT MUCH
ALL OVER THE WORLD CATHOLICS AND EASTERN ORTHODOX BELIEVERS ALIKE TAKE TO THE ROAD
...AS THEY BEGIN A MUTUAL SPONTANEOUS PILGRIMAGE TO THE VATICAN
They met Sasha and his allies during the "Witchcraft" crisis *.
* SEE CHAPTERS 34-45

nhh...!
WELL, LET'S GET YOU FRESHENED UP
WHIRR
TV OFF
DRAW A BATH
PLIK
rustle
slosh

AND YOU JUST KEEP GRO-WING
HMH
LOOM
SSSH

YOUR BODY'S STRONG AND HEALTHY
splash
I BET IT FEELS GOOD
EVEN IF YOU AREN'T AWAKE

BUT IF YOU DON'T HURRY BACK SOON
drip
YOU'RE GOING TO MISS IT AND WAKE UP LOOKING LIKE A GRANNY

KRIK
DRIP
KRSSHH
?!
CLATTER
CLINK
TINK

THUD
SHAMBLE
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
IF YOU'RE HERE FOR TSUBASA...
I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH HER!
GRAB

LEAP
REEEE

?!
...
MAFUYU-SAN?!
WHAM
THUD
IT'S BEEN A WHILE MIYUKI-SAN!

WE MADE IT IN TIME!
"IN TIME"...?
turn
YEAH
YOU SEE
CHUCKLE
step
?!
WHAT'S HAPPE-NING?!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING BACK UP EVEN AFTER ALL THAT
THEY'RE BEING REVIVED ONLY WITH A FAR CRUDER METHOD THAN THE ONE EVA USED

stagger
"EVA"...
YOU MEAN THE MERCURY QWASER ?!
tense
IF YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME OF YOUR LIFE...
I'LL CLEAN UP THIS MESS
OKAY
HERE AOI-SAN
pull
THANK YOU

HN...!
NNAAAAAAH!

REEEEE
NOW...
I'LL DEAL WITH THESE
MUCH OBLIGED
FOOM
THEY DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY KIND OF WILL OF THEIR OWN
IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT WHO-EVER MADE THEM
WENT FOR QUANTITY OVER QUALITY

THOUGH THEY CERTAINLY ARE PERSISTENT
SSSH
THEY SHOULD BE EASY TO DEAL WITH...
stumble
clink
krik
SINCE THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT INJURIES OR BROKEN BONES
WHOOSH
CLINK
CLATTER
LET'S SEE

I NEED TO INCAPACITATE THEM COMPLETELY
SO MAYBE I SHOULD USE THESE SHARDS OF GLASS...
FRRSSSHHH
...LIKE A BLENDER!

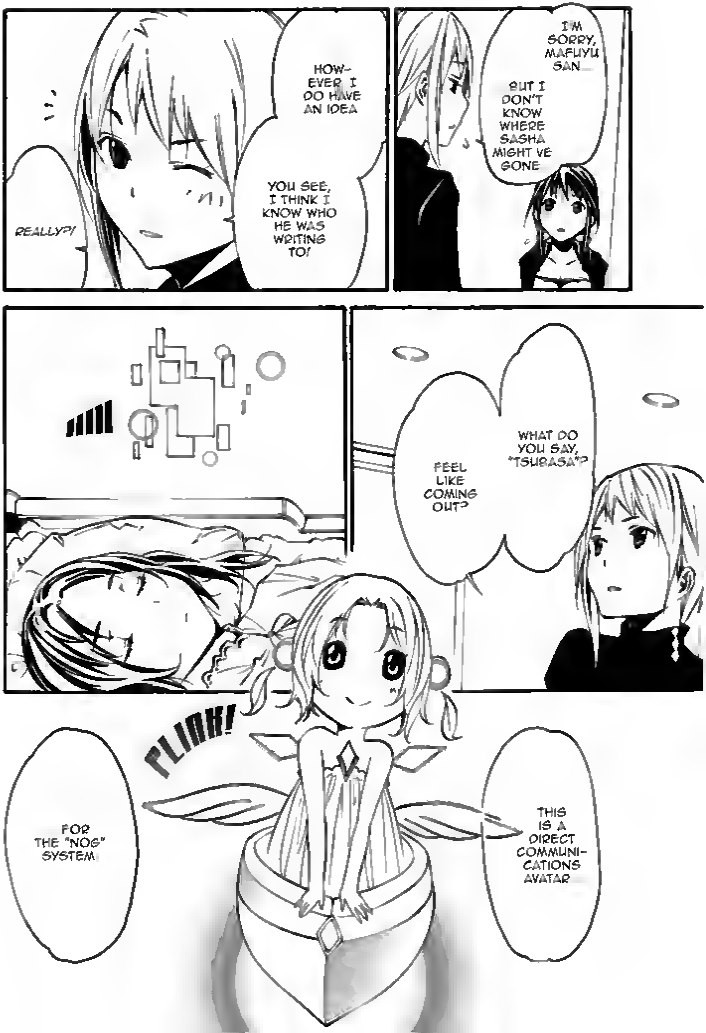
SHRRRRED
SPAT
CHUNK
WHOOM
HMPH!
I'M SURE THOSE THINGS WERE MADE BY THE THEOSIS PROJECT...
BUT THEY HAD TO HAVE BEEN THE LOWEST TIER

YOU'RE OKAY?
I'M GLAD!
YEAH WE'RE FINE
...ALL THANKS TO YOU
HEHE...
EXCUSE ME, BUT WHO ARE YOU?
DON'T MIND ME.
I'M JUST A BODY-GUARD.
BEFORE ALL THIS, YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BEING "IN TIME"
MAFUYU-SAN...
DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO HAP-PEN?
YES I DID
THE TRUTH IS...

SASHA'S MISSING
AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR HIM
SASHA-KUN?!
MISSING?!

ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO, HE VANISHED WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO ANYONE.
HE LEFT WITH AN OLD PARTNER OF HIS, AND NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THEY WENT.

...BUT WE MANAGED TO FIND SOMETHING
A LOG FILE OF HIS E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH SOMEONE CALLED "TSUBASA".
HE MADE SURE TO ERASE HIS TRACES...
AND WHEN WE FOLLOWED TSUBASA'S TRAIL...
IT LED STRAIGHT HERE, TO THIS HOSPITAL
PLEASE!
IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, PLEASE TELL ME!
THOSE PEOPLE, THOSE THINGS THAT ATTACKED US JUST NOW...
DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHY THEY CAME?
YES.
I BELIEVE THEY WERE SENT TO STOP US BY KILLING YOU.


I'M SORRY, MAFUYU SAN...
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE SASHA MIGHT VE GONE
HOW-EVER I DO HAVE AN IDEA
YOU SEE, I THINK I KNOW WHO HE WAS WRITING TO!
REALLY?!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, "TSUBASA"?
FEEL LIKE COMING OUT?
PLINK!
THIS IS A DIRECT COMMUNI-CATIONS AVATAR...
FOR THE "NOG" SYSTEM.

float
IN SO MANY WORDS...
THIS IS LIKE A PIECE OF TSUBASA'S CONSCIOUS-NESS
REALLY...?
HEYA MAFFU!
wave
MAFFU...?
NO, MIYUKI THAT'S WRONG!
I'M A SEGMENT OF TSUBASA'S PERSONALITY KERNEL!
flap flap
OKAY, OKAY!
ANY-WAY...
JUST BEFORE TSUBASA WENT INTO THE "NOE"...
SHE MADE THIS AVATAR
THEN "NOE" COLLAP-SED WITH HER MIND STILL IN IT

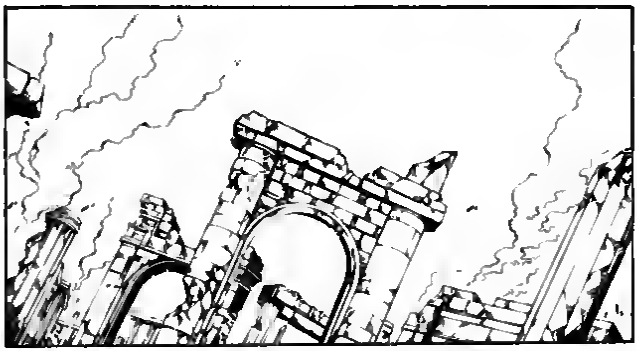
THE CRASH SHATTERED TSUBASA'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND SPREAD IT ALL OVER THE GLOBAL NETWORK
GATHERING SHARDS OF TSUBASA'S DIGITIZED MIND AND PIECING THEM BACK TOGETHER
SINCE THEN, THIS LITTLE GUY'S BEEN GOING ALL OVER THE NET
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!

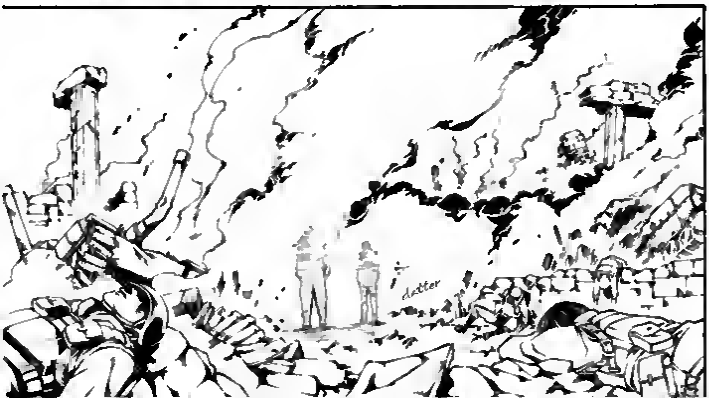
ONE DAY...
SHE MIGHT EVEN WAKE UP
NOT "MIGHT", MIYUKI!
SHE WILL WAKE UP AND YOU KNOW IT!
WELL, OF COURSE SHE WILL!
OH!
SO THE ONE SASHA WAS MAILING TO
WAS TSURASA!
EHE!
YOU MEAN... YOU?!
YES!
I WAS LOOKING AROUND IN A CERTAIN PLACE...
...AND I FOUND THE NAME "ALEKSANDR HEL" ALL OVER IT!
SO I TOLD HIM!
YOU FOUND SASHA'S NAME...?
AS IT'S TURNED OUT
SHE CAN GO ANYWHERE EVEN IN AND OUT OF "ECHELON" WITHOUT ANY KIND OF TROUBLE WHATSOEVER

ECHE...?
ECHELON
AN AMERICAN GLOBAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
MADE TO INTERCEPT ALL KINDS OF COMMUNICATIONS
RADIO PHONE CALLS E-MAIL, AND SO ON.
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS LITTLE THING ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH THE THEOSIS IF PROJECT'S E-MAIL ?
SO?!
WHAT DID THEY SAY ABOUT SASHA?
WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM?!
I TOLD HIM THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE TALKING ABOUT HIM
KEPT TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE TOO.
WHAT "SOMETHING ELSE" ?
THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THEY CALLED THE "SEVEN DIVERGENCES"!

stamp
DUNNO!

MEANING...
um...
MEANING...?!

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STEP
AN ENTIRE DIVISION...
HOW...?!
...WITH YOUR BARE HANDS...?!
IT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE MY RIGHTEOUSNESS...
...IS GREATER THAN YOUR WICKEDNESS.
AAH!
THIS IS JUST NOT MY STYLE NOT MY STYLE AT ALL!
IT'S JUST SO— MEGGY!

ANY-WAY...
THE DIVER-GENCE SHOULD BE IN THOSE RUINS...
...SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADED.
THEN LET'S GO.

I'M SORRY
I WISH WE COULD'VE TOLD YOU MORE, BUT
WHEN I FIND MORE STUFF...
I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET IN ANY DANGER FOR OUR SAKE!
EXCUSE ME...
THE LITTLE ONE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PET HER...
SO IF IT'S OKAY...
...WOULD YOU MIND?
HMM
I GUESS
I MEAN, IF IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
THANKS!

3
YOU DON'T THINK THEY'LL ATTACK AGAIN, DO YOU?
NO, I DON'T
AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW
AH!
FUMIKA-CHAN!
?
I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HER SINCE FOREVER!
I HAVE TO TELL HER I'M BACK!
FUMIKA'S AN OLD FRIEND, AOI
SHE'S WRITING THAT SHE'S GOT A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS, AND
AND...
WHAT'S WRONG?

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OH, YEAH...!
I HEARD HE LEFT AS CHAIRMAN A WHILE AGO...
SO I GUESS HE'S BACK NOW, HUH?
WHO'S THAT?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER LAST WEEK'S MORNING ASSEMBLY?
HE'S THE NEW CHAIRMAN!

KLAK
UNCLE...?
WHY, LOOK AT YOU, MAFUYU!
YOU'VE BECOME A REAL BEAUTY!

UNCLE, YOU'RE BACK!
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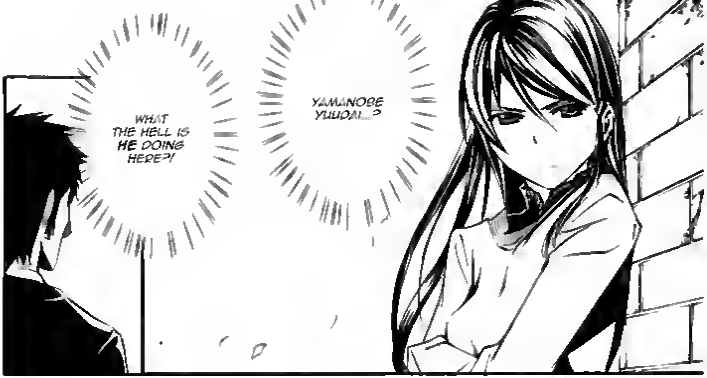
# Chapter 92: The Man Called Melosz

UNCLE...

HAH...
I WAS HOPING YOU WOULDN'T NOTICE
YOUR ARM...?!
WHERE WERE YOU?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU LET US KNOW?!
GRAB

I'VE GOT A LEG LIKE THAT TOO!
PROS-THETIC I MEAN
grin
I'D TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT, BUT IT'S A LONG STORY
ME TOO
ALL I'VE GOT ARE LONG STORIES
THERE'S JUST BEEN SO MUCH GOING ON
WE CAN ALWAYS HEAR EACH OTHER OUT LATER
BUT THIS IS A REUNION!
FOR NOW, LET'S JUST BE HAPPY!
YES!


WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING HERE?!
YAMANOBE YUUDAI...?

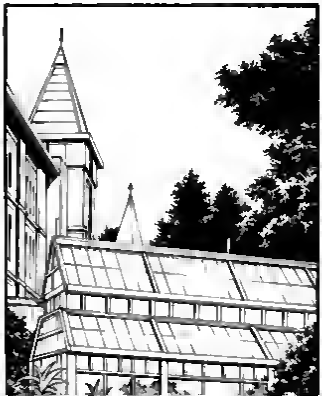
I SEE
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MAILED HER, RIGHT?
UH YES!
I'M MITARAI FUMIKA! MAFUYU AND I WERE CLASS-MATES
HOW NICE
THEY FOUND EACH OTHER!
DO YOU KNOW MAFUYU?

MY NAME IS KUCHIRA AOI
LET'S SAY...
I'M KIND OF HER BODY-GUARD
BODY-GUARD?
OH!
THEN MAYBE YOU'RE WORKING WITH SASHA-KUN?
WOW
NOO !
THAT'S A SECRET!
SO YOU KNOW ABOUT SASHA?
WHAT HE IS?
I'M SO SORRY!
I KNOW I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL ANYONE!
SWISH SWISH
DON'T WORRY, IT'S GOOD THAT YOU DID
LISTEN THERE'S SOME-THING I NEED YOU TO DO
GRIP

CAN YOU KEEP AN EYE ON MAFUYU FOR ME?
JUST FOR A WHILE
HUH...?

I'M RELYING ON YOU
UM

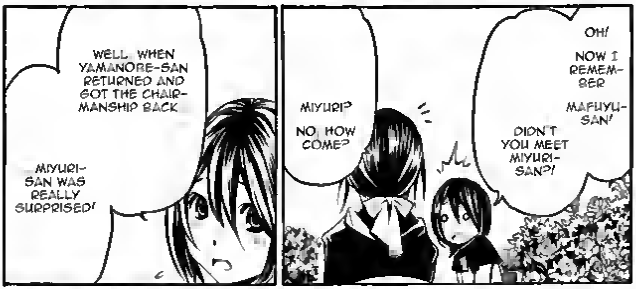
MAFUYU
I HAVE TO LEAVE FOR A LITTLE WHILE
IS THAT OKAY?
SURE!



EEH?!
EH?

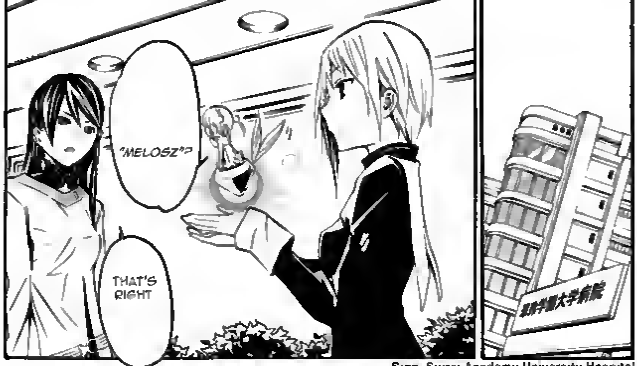
THIS IS FAUCHON APPLE TEA
WHAT DO YOU THINK MAFUYU?
IT'S LOVELY!
AND IT SMELLS SO NICE...
DON'T BE SHY, FUMIKA-CHAN!
IT TASTES GREAT!
Y
YES
NOO!!
I'M RUINING THEIR REUNION!
I LOOK LIKE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T READ THE MOOD!
slurp
THIS GREEN-HOUSE
I KEPT THINKING ABOUT IT WHEN I WAS AWAY!
YES
YES, I KNOW!
I'M STILL SUR-PRISED THERE IS A PLACE LIKE THIS HERE AT SCHOOL!

WHEN I CAME BACK, I THOUGHT IT'D BE EMPTY...
...BUT THE TSUJIDOS HAVE TAKEN GREAT CARE OF IT
THANK YOU!
KEEPING THIS GREENHOUSE IS SOMETHING OF A HOBBY OF MINE


WELL, WHEN YAMANORE-SAN RETURNED AND GOT THE CHAIRMANSHIP BACK...
...MIYURI-SAN WAS REALLY SURPRISED!
MIYURI?
NO, HOW COME?
OH!
NOW I REMEMBER
MAFUYU-SAN!
DIDN'T YOU MEET MIYURI-SAN?!

...SO TWO WEEKS AGO...
...MIYURI-SAN DECIDED TO GO TO EUROPE TO FIND YOU!
WE WERE ALL SO EXCITED TO TELL YOU THAT YAMANORE-SAN HAD RETURNED, BUT NOBODY COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU...
IT CAUSED QUITE A STIR IN THE TSUJIDO CLAN!
HAH!
YES, THE RE-ACQUIREMENT OF THE SEAT WAS RATHER DRAMATIC, IN A WAY...

SHE SAID SOMETHING LIKE
"ONCE I GET THERE EVERYTHING WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!"
"IT ALWAYS DOES!"
"AND SINCE WE HAVE A FRANCH OFFICE IN ROME."
Ohohoh
REALLY?!
BUT SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I WAS!
sigh
THAT CITY CAN BE CONFUSING ENOUGH AS IT IS BUT
WHAT A MESS!
SO SHE WENT TO ROME OF ALL PLACES?
AND TWO WEEKS AGO
THAT MEANS SHE ENDED UP RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PAPAL CONCLAVE!
AFTER ALL, I'M THE ONE WHO COORDINATED IT
SO THAT GRISHA WOULD BE ELECTED THE NEW POPE
IF BY "MESS" YOU MEAN THE CONCLAVE
THEN IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I TAKE SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITY

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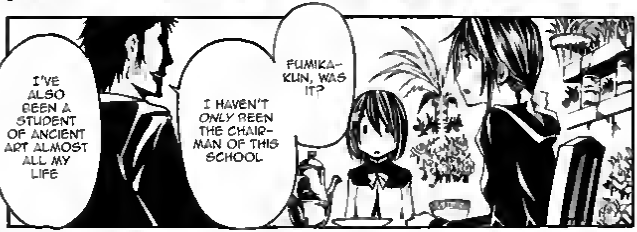
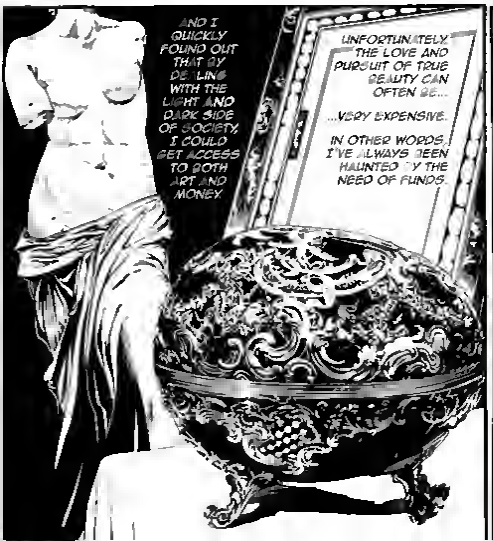
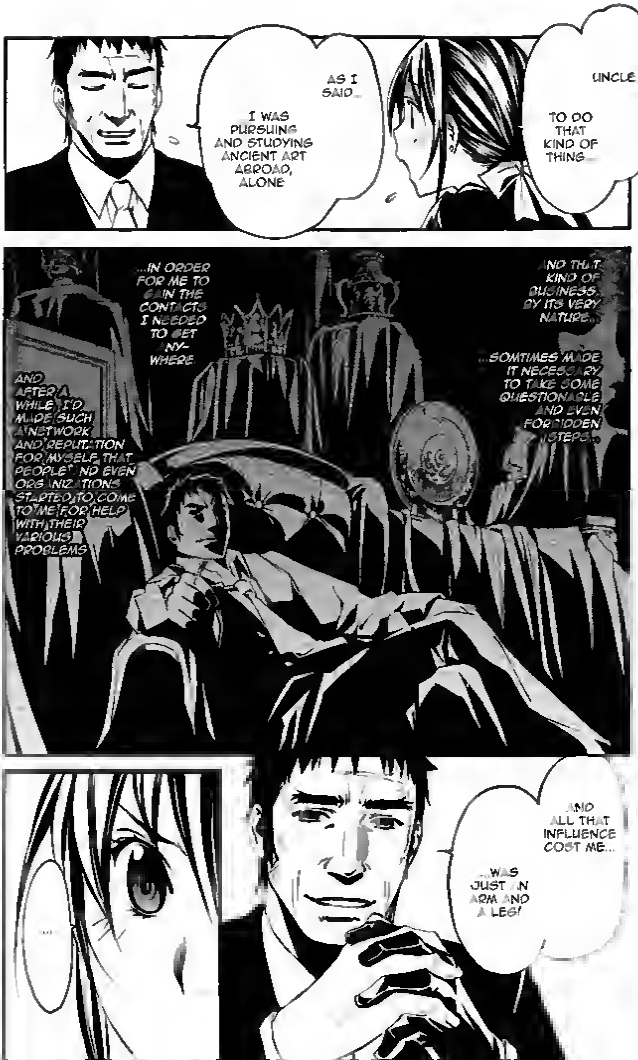
I NEED YOU TO FIND AN IMAGE OF THAT MAN.
HE HAS A PROSTHETIC ARM AND LEG AND SCARS ON HIS FACE.
HE MAY HAVE BEEN A FIXER, AN INFORMATION BROKER, A NEGOTIATOR FOR HIRE... SOMETHING LIKE THAT
RECENTLY HE'S BEEN ACTIVE IN EUROPE

YOU COORDI-NATED...?


FUMIKA-KUN, WAS IT?
I HAVEN'T ONLY BEEN THE CHAIR-MAN OF THIS SCHOOL
I'VE ALSO BEEN A STUDENT OF ANCIENT ART ALMOST ALL MY LIFE


AND I QUICKLY FOUND OUT THAT BY BE-ING WITH THE LIGHT AND DARK SIDE OF SOCIETY, I COULD GET ACCESS TO BOTH ART AND MONEY
UNFORTUNATELY, THE LOVE AND PURSUIT OF TRUE BEAUTY CAN OFTEN BE...
...VERY EXPENSIVE.
IN OTHER WORDS, I'VE ...ALWAYS BEEN HAUNTED BY THE NEED OF FUNDS.

IT'S AN OBSESSION THAT S TAKEN ME TO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES IN THE WORLD-
...AND MADE ME MANY INTERESTING ACQUAINTANCES

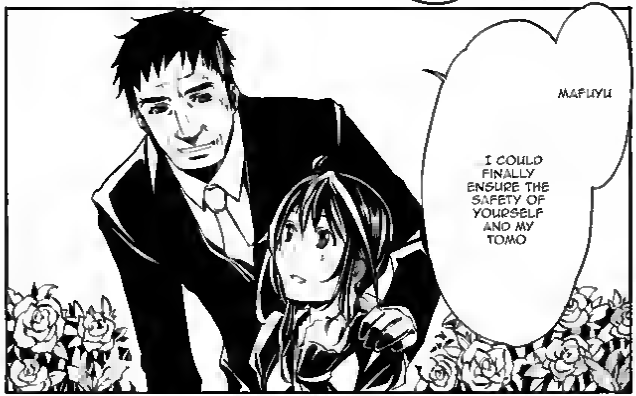

UNCLE...
TO DO THAT KIND OF THING...
AS I SAID...
I WAS PURSUING AND STUDYING ANCIENT ART ABROAD, ALONE
...AND THAT KIND OF BUSINESS, BY ITS VERY NATURE...
...SOMETIMES MADE IT NECESSARY TO TAKE SOME QUESTIONABLE AND EVEN FORBIDDEN STEPS...
...IN ORDER FOR ME TO GAIN THE CONTACTS I NEEDED TO GET ANYWHERE
AND AFTER A WHILE I'D... MADE SUCH A NETWORK AND REPUTATION FOR MYSELF THAT PEOPLE AND EVEN ORGANIZATIONS STARTED TO COME TO ME FOR HELP WITH THEIR VARIOUS PROBLEMS
...AND ALL THAT INFLUENCE COST ME...
...WAS JUST AN ARM AND A LEG!
...

UNCLE
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU!
SINCE YOU DISAP-PEARED...
WELL...
ALL KINDS OF INCREDIBLE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED HERE
STRANGE PEOPLE
AND ABOVE ALL
IT'S OKAY, MAFUYU
I KNOW
TOMO...
SHE'S...
I...

I KNOW THAT IT ALL STARTED WITH THE APPEARANCE OF ONE ALEKSANDR HEL
OR SASHA THE MARTYR
HE WAS SENT HERE TO FOLLOW UP ON RUMORS OF THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN
AS WELL AS AID ATHOS IN THEIR INTENSIFYING CONFLICTS WITH THE ADEPTS
AND IT WAS DURING ONE OF THOSE THAT TOMO WAS TAKEN FROM YOU.
WHEN I HEARD OF IT, IT WAS ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT.
I USED ALL MY CONTACTS...
...AND ALL THE INFORMATION I HAD...
...TO FIND HER.
BUT TO MY MISFORTUNE...

FATE HAD BOUND HER FAR TOO TIGHTLY FOR ME TO CUT HER LOOSE
...SO IN ORDER TO BREAK THE SPELL MY BELOVED DAUGHTER WAS UNDER AND SET HER FREE...
...I HAD TO FIND ANOTHER WAY

AND FINALLY I DID
I HELPED MAKE GREGORIUS XVII THE NEW POPE...
...AND HE IN TURN ENDED THE LONG STRUGGLE BETWEEN ATHOS AND THE ADEPTS
AND THANKS TO THAT...


MAFUYU
...I COULD FINALLY ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND MY TOMO

BUT WAIT HE CHANGED THE WORLD...
...JUST LIKE THAT?!
THAT'S NOT COOL THAT'S SCARY!
SAVE US AOI-SAN!!

THAT'S...
THAT'S SO COOL!

OUTSIDE SUIREI ACADEMY
turn
YOU CAN COME OUT NOW
step
I TAKE IT YOU RE ONE OF THE THEOSIS PROJECT S TOOLS?
CLINK
WHOOSH

...I WILL KILL YOU!
SSSH
IF YOU TRY TO STOP ME...
FOOM
GLOOP
THIS WAVE
@WASER?!
LEAP

AND NOW...
I WORK FOR A CERTAIN ORGANI-ZATION
AND IT'S THANKS TO THAT...
THAT I COULD GET BACK THE CHAIR-MANSHIP OF THIS SCHOOL.
AND IT'S THANKS TO THAT...
THAT TOMO WILL SOON BE BROUGHT BACK TO US.
!!
TOMO!
SHE'S SAFE?!
SHE IS.
I'VE MADE SURE OF THAT.
CLATTER
I'M SO GL..D...
M..FUYU.
I'D LIKE YOU TO ST..Y WITH ME.
THE THREE OF US C..N LIVE TOGETHER AG..IN, LIKE WE DID BEFORE.
UNCLE...

!!
WOOSH
KRSSH
STOP!
MAFUYU DO NOT BELIEVE A WORD THAT MAN SAYS
CLANK
TINK
SSH
YAMANOSE YUUDAI IS "MELOSZ" A NOTORIOUS UNDERWORLD FIXER AND NEGOTIATOR
!!
...AND NOW A KEY MEMBER OF THE "THEOSIS PROJECT"!

KRISH
SORRY, YUUDAI-SAN
I RAN OUT OF SOMA, SO I COULDN'T STOP HER
UNCLE...?
AOI'S RIGHT, MAFUYU
SO LISTEN TO ME NOW
WHILE THE ORDER'S BEEN FAR FROM LINEAR...
THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN THE GENERATIONS OF THE YAMANOBE FAMILY
...FOR A VERY LONG TIME...

...AND ALMOST ALL MY LIFE, I'VE BEEN TRAVELING THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF ANSWERS
THAT ICON HAS KEPT THE GREATEST MYSTERIES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS
...I WAS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE COLLECTION VAULTS BENEATH THE VATICAN.
AND FINALLY...
...AFTER LOSING AN ARM AND A LEG IN THE PROCESS...
THAT'S WHERE I FOUND OUT WHAT SECRETS THE THEOTOKOS HELD

...AND AT THE SAME TIME, I LEARNED OF THE FATE THAT AWAITS THIS WORLD
THE THEOSIS PROJECT WAS FORMED SPECIFICALLY TO PREVENT THIS FATE FROM COMING TRUE
COME TO ME... ...MAFUYU.
YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR SIDE IN THIS

OH AND SASHA-KUN
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS RIGHT NOW?
WE DO
WE KNOW WHERE HE IS, WHAT HE S DOING AND WHY
!!
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY
YOU WHO COULD BE MY DAUGHTER?
I
MAFUYU-SAN

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAPUYU?!
WHAT IS THERE TO EVEN THINK ABOUT?!
IT WAS THE SCHEMES OF THE "THEOSIS PROJECT" THAT DESTROYED THE ADEPTS...
AND LED TO THE MURDER OF THOSE HOLY PANAGIA!...
THEY'RE SO CRUEL, THEY WON'T EVEN LET THE DEAD REST!
THEY STEAL THEIR SOULS AND BRING THEM BACK AS SLAVES, BOUND TO THE WHIMS OF COWARDS THAT HIDE IN THE SHADOWS!
WHO CAN FORGIVE PEOPLE LIKE THAT?!
AOI...
YOU KNOW...
SHUSH

I GUESS DENIAL IS A BAD HABIT WE BOTH SHARE
FOR THE LONGEST TIME I JUST COULDN'T ADMIT TO MYSELF THAT YOU ACTUALLY KILLED ME
flap
tug
WHAT ?
BUT I CAN HONESTLY SAY
IT ISN'T SO BAD, BEING BROUGHT BACK
SO DON'T KNOCK IT UNTIL YOU TRY IT
SISTER
NO, IT
YUU?!

YUU?!
WAIT
YOU'RE AOI-SAN'S TWIN BROTHER?!
HE'S HER TWIN BROTHER...?
THAT'S RIGHT!
THIS IS HOW I LOOKED BACK WHEN SHE KILLED ME
SHE KILLED...?!
YES
YES I KILLED YUU, MY TWIN BROTHER
WHEN WE WERE FOURTEEN YEARS OLD

THEY STOLE YUU'S SOUL...
AND PUT IT IN YOU...
BUT YOU'RE A "REGEN" NOW
SO
FOOO
AS I SAID I RAN OUT OF SOMA WHEN WE TUSSLED EARLIER...
SO I CAN'T FIGHT YOU
OR MAYBE YOU'RE JUST LOOKING TO KILL ME AGAIN?
OH I WON'T CONSIDER THIS A KILL
NO, THIS IS ME FREEING MY BROTHER'S SOUL...
BY RIPPING YOUR FAKE MEAT TO PIECES
WAIT!

I'M SORRY
AOI-SAN FUMIKA-CHAN
BUT
I HAVE TO TAKE MY UNCLE'S SIDE IN THIS
MAFUYU!
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?!
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND, AOI
PLEASE, DON'T TRY TO TALK ME OUT OF IT
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT'S GOING ON
BUT THIS JUST FEELS ALL WRONG!
PLEASE WON'T YOU THINK IT OVER?!

I'M SORRY
push
BUT ...TOMO AND MY UNCLE ARE FAMILY
SO
MAFUYU ARE YOU SURE?
YES
HOLD ON, YUUKI-SAN.
MY SISTER HERE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING RASH.
PPPP
SO, YOU KNOW, JUST TO BE SAFE...
...I'M WONDERING IF THIS GIRL OF YOURS COULD FIND IT IN HER HEART...
...TO GIVE ME SOME SOM...

YEA
DO YOU, MAFUYU?
MAN THESE LOOK LIKE THEY GIVE GREAT SOMA
rustle

NNH...
YOU MAKE A STRIKING IMAGE.
SO MUCH SO, I COULD WELL IMAGINE THIS IS A PAINTING.
HOWEVER...
...MAFUYU...
YOUR EXPRESSION IS MORE THAT OF A MARTYR THAN A MADIA

WHEN YOU'RE COMMIT-TED
IT'S EASY TO THINK OF YOUR BODY AS NOTHING MORE THAN A TOOL TO BE USED
AS YOU SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR YOUR CAUSE
FOR LOVE, IN YOUR CASE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
step
I AM PRACTI-CALLY YOUR FATHER
AND A FATHER'S EYES SEE MUCH
THE REASON WHY YOU'RE JOINING ME NOW
IS SO YOU CAN SPY ON ME AND GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN.
FOR SASHA.
FOR ALEKSANDR HEL

I'M SORRY UNCLE
I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU HOW MUCH I WANT TO SEE THEM AGAIN
AND THAT'S THE TRUTH
HOW COULD I EVER BELIEVE YOU?!
YOU'RE WITH THE THEOSIS PROJECT!
BUT!
SLAP
SASHA SAYS WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO FEAR THEM TO HATE THEM...
...AND IF I'LL BELIEVE ANYONE, I BELIEVE IN HIM!

I WAS AWAY FOR SO LONG...
...THAT IN MY ABSENCE, MY LITTLE GIRL HAD TIME TO GROW UP...
AND BECOME A WOMAN
AH... SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF TO HIM
slump
OF COURSE I WOULD'VE PREFERRED IT IF YOU JOINED ME OUT OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL BUT...
BUT IN MY HEART YOU'RE STILL A TROUBLED CHILD
MAPUYU...
I'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
HOLD ON MELOSZ
THIS WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT BUT WE STILL ACHIEVED WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO
LET'S GO

SASHA...
HE ASKED ONLY ONE THING OF ME
TO PROTECT MAFUYU
THAT WAS HIS WISH...
AND I OWE HIM MY LIFE...
SO THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'LL DO!
WHOOOM
MAFUYU'S STAYING RIGHT HERE!

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THAT'S ONE OF THOSE LOCKS RIGHT?
A "NIP-LOCK"?
THE KIND THAT STOPS YOUR QWASER POWER?
IT'S PART OF THE DEAL.
SINCE I'M BEING CONFINED HERE..
I CAN'T HAVE ACCESS TO MY POWER
SO THEY PINNED THIS VULGAR THING ON ME
BUT AREN'T WE...
...SUPPOSED TO BE ENEMIES?
DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU WASH YOUR HAIR?
IF YOU LIKE...

YOU KNOW TOMO ISN'T YOUR ENEMY
SO I'M NOT EITHER.
BE-SIDES...
SASHA TRUSTS YOU
SO I TRUST YOU TOO!
HM...
YOU HAVE SUCH FAITH IN E. CH OTHER.
I ENVY YOU.
HUH?
NOTHING

BY THE WAY...
IS SASHA STILL...?
YEAH. STILL IN THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE ARGUING WITH THE MAAMS
THEY CAN GET PRETTY LOUD AT TIMES.
THIS UNIFICATION OF THE CHURCHES...
IT'S A HUGE DEAL FOR THOS, OF COURSE...
BUT IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT THE THEOSIS PROJECT'S PULLING A LOT OF STRINGS BEHIND THE SCENES
STILL...
IT'S COMING
AND IT'S CHANGING EVERYTHING...
REGARDLESS OF WHAT ANYONE HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT

flap
creak
WHAT THE HELL
SASHA?!

SORRY FOR SNEAKING IN LIKE THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
BUT...
...I CAME HERE FOR A REA-SON.
I NEED YOU TO TAKE OFF THAT GOWN
Mr.
YOU, WHAT?!
THERE'S NO TIME.
I'M ASKING YOU.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS...?
SLIP

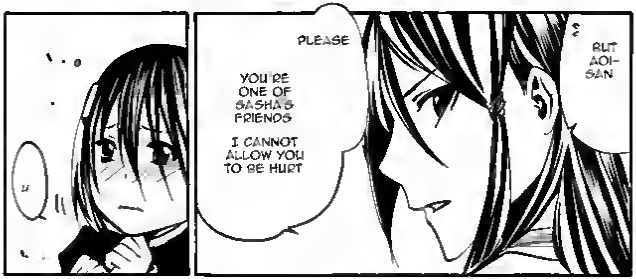
HAAH...
ching.
THIS IS ABOUT MAFUYU
SUSHI...
DOES ATHOS KNOW...?
NO.
LISTEN.

EVEN IF I MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD MY ENEMY
I'VE DECIDED TO DEAL WITH THIS MY WAY
...NO FOR ME TO DO TH...T...
...KOI...
...I NEED YOU TO HAVE YOUR POWER BACK.
UNDER-STAND
I'LL WATCH OVER MAFUYU FOR YOU
I'M IN YOUR DEBT.

HAND HER OVER
MELOSZ
SSSSSSSSSSS

IF YOU GIVE HER TO ME RIGHT NOW...
COMPLETELY UNHARMED
I PROMISE I WON'T TEAR YOU TO PIECES
HAH...
RUNNING THE IPON BOY'S ERRANDS NOW?
NO
BUT HE DID GIVE ME SOMETHING
OH?
WHY?
HE FUCKED YOU TOO, IS THAT IT?
HIS TRUST
AND THAT'S SOMETHING THE ADEPTS NEVER DID
...!!

PLEASE RUN FAR AWAY FROM HERE
FUMIKA
I'M SORRY I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS


PLEASE
YOU'RE ONE OF SASHA'S FRIENDS
I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO BE HURT
BUT AOI-SAN

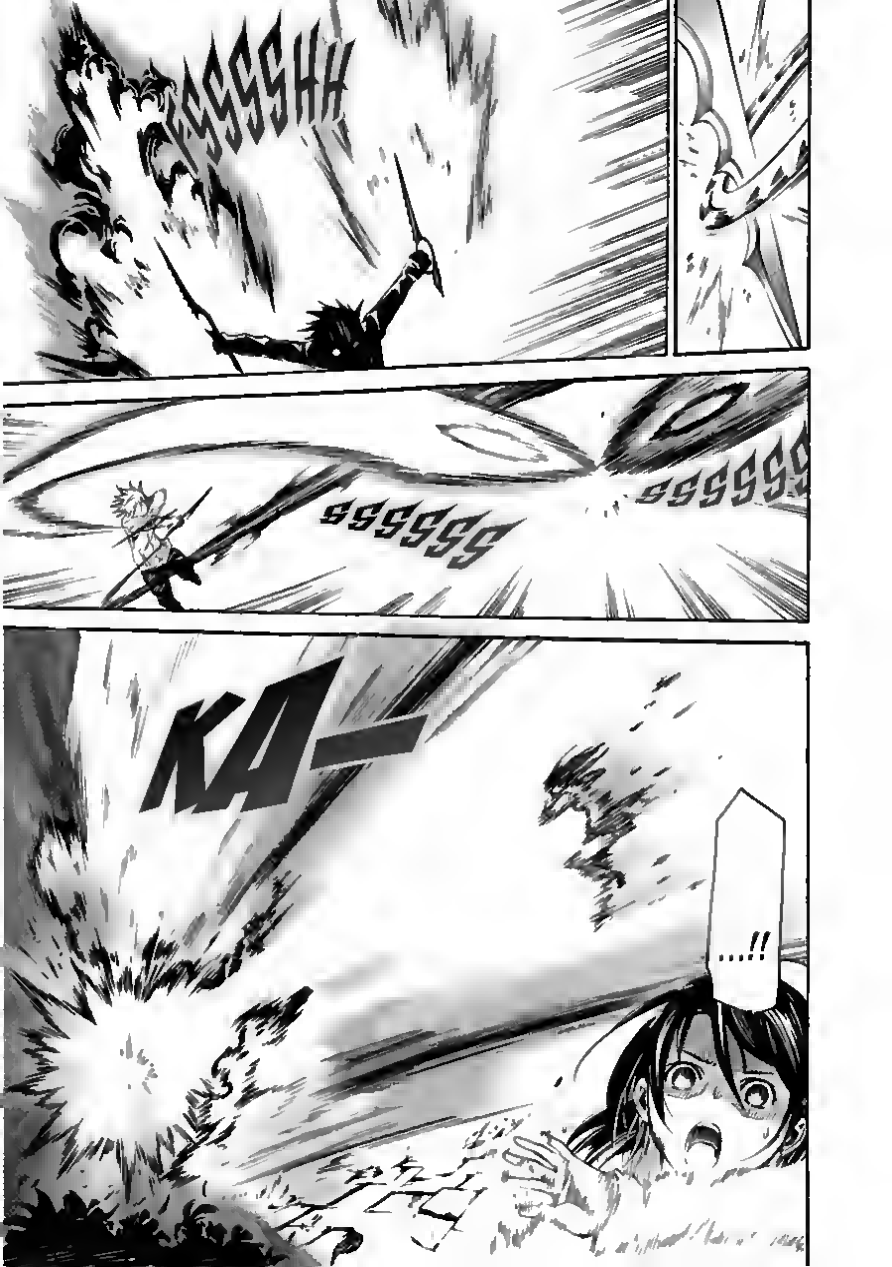
I THINK WE SHOULD SHOW YOUR SISTER EXACTLY WHY THAT IS
LOVE TO
step
SO, ARE YOU READY?
WELL
THIS BOY'S A REMARKABLE STEP FORWARD IN THE REGEN PART OF THE PROJECT
TOF TOF TOF

YUU NEVER DISCOVERED HIS SPECIFIC ELEMENT BEFORE HE DIED
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO GENERATE WAVE MOTIONS
ALUMINUM
SO
YOU TURNED OUT TO BE AN ALUMINUM SWAYER
YEP
AFTER YOU MURDERED ME
AND THEY PUT MY SOUL IN THIS BODY...
THEY MADE SOME ADJUSTMENTS THAT FINALLY LET ME TAP INTO MY POWER!
TOF
SO I GUESS...
...I OWE YOU FOR THAT!
SPAT
LEAP
FOOM
KH!

I'M ALREADY RUNNING OUT OF SOMA
I HAVE TO MAKE THIS QUICK!
AND NOW
I'LL MAKE SURE TO PAY YOU BACK!
KRRRKK
KABOOM
"I NEED YOU TO BE HAPPY, FUMIKA."
EVEN IF I'D STAYED.
I KNOW I COULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP!
I'D JUST BE IN THE WAY!
EVEN SASHA
SASHA SAID
haah
hah

IF I RUN AWAY AND JUST LEAVE MAFUYU-SAN AND AOI-SAN IN THERE
BUT...
I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER BE HAPPY AGAIN!
turn
CLANG
CLATTER
KHA!
SAH!
WHOOM
KRRRK

WHAT I DO NOW...
IS ONLY WHAT A GHOST OBSERVES!
SSSSSSS
THIS IS THE END
grin
BACK TO THE DARK!
WHOOM
AFTER YOU!
SHINNN
KRINNNG


SSSSHK
SSSSSS
SSSSSS
KA—
...!!

BOOM
HM
SSSSSSSS
HOW
HOW COULD ALUMINUM DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT ?
RRING
HAH!
AS ALWAYS

...AOI!
...YOU REFUSE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX...
Rumble
Peek
AOI-SAN
HOW CAN HE GET THIS EXPLOSIVE FORCE OUT OF ALUMINUM?
GSSSS

NO...
THERMITE?!

$Fe_2O_3+2Al$
HE USES ALUMINUM TO REDUCE METAL OXIDE. PROCESS KNOWN AS "THERMITE" OR "ALUMINOTHERMITE".
IT CREATES SUPER HIGH TEMPED. TUBES, AND IS USED IN INCENDIARIES.
BUT HE S... GOT SUCH CONTROL. HE CAN CREATE THE FAR FINER NANOTHERMITE, WHICH BURNS SO FAST IT EXPLODES WITH AN ENORMOUS FORCE!

WHEW!
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT, THE GREENHOUSE IS STILL STANDING
clatter
clink
click

BUT HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CAUSE THE REACTION JUST BY MANIPULATING ALUMINUM ALONE. HE NEEDS TO REDUCE OXIDE FROM SOMETHING ELSE!
SO HOW THE HELL...?!

OKAY
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ALL OUT OF SOMA ANY-WAY
MAKE IT QUICK, YUU
MAFUYU WOULD BE SAD IF SHE SAW IT HAPPEN
FWOOM
AND WE'LL SEE WHO'S A GHOST IN THE END!
SO HOW ABOUT WE DO THIS AGAIN, SISTER
WAIT... TWO FLAMES, ONE RED, AND ONE WHITE...?
AND I'M SURE I SAW THE SAME THING JUST BEFORE THE EXPLO-SION
SO, ONE'S ALUMINUM
AND THE OTHER'S ANOTHER METAL?!
ONE THAT CAN BE USED AS FUEL FOR THE THERMITE REACTION...?!
BUT
THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!
YOU CAN USE TWO DIFFE-RENT ELE-MENTS?!

КУДАААА?!!

BAF!
AHA-
BOOM
FUMIKA?!
FWOOM

OOH, THAT WAS SCARY
THAT WAS BEYOND DANGEROUS!
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?!
AOI-SAN...
YOU LIKE SASHA-KUN, RIGHT?
WHAT...?!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME OR THE PLACE FOR THIS!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO MAHUYU-SAN
SASHA-KUN WOULD BE HEART-BROKEN
PLEASE, AOI-SAN!
USE ME TO HELP HIM!
I DON'T WANT THAT!
AND I DON'T THINK YOU DO EITHER!
SO

THANK YOU, FUMIKA!
I WILL!
SO YOU'RE ALSO...
...SOMEONE WHO LOVES HIM?

WHY'D YOU GET IN THE WAY?!
FUCKIN' BITCH!
YOU RUINED MY SHOT!
YOU WANT ME TO BURN YOU WITH HER?!
IS THAT IT?!
YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING
step
OH I SEE
SHE GAVE YOU SOMA, DIDN'T SHE?
NICE MOVE, BUT WHAT-EVER
MY POWERS
THEY'RE STILL A MYSTERY TO YOU!
THEY ARE
BUT RIGHT NOW THAT DOESN'T MATTER
GRRRRRR

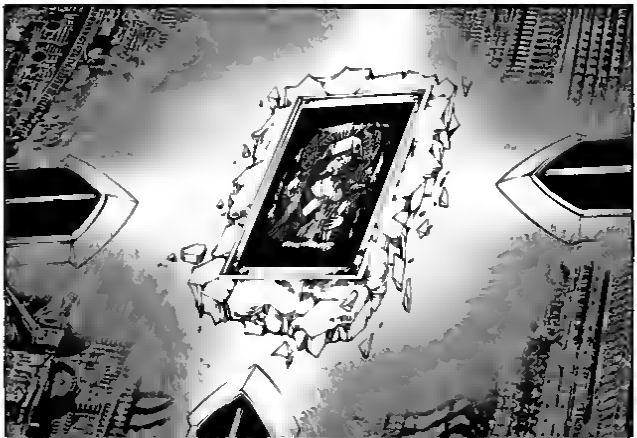
WOOSH
...WHEN I HAVE SOMA IN ABUNDANCE!
NOT NOW...
AAH...!
I SEE THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVE-MENT...
PLEASE LET GO OF MAFUYU-SAN!
SHE'S USING OXYGEN TO PUSH MY ARMS BACK?!
SO SHE FOUND A WAY TO DISABLE MY ATTACK ANYWAY.

YOU TOLD ME WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO
BUT CAN YOU MAKE ME?
WHILE BRAVERY DESERVES PRAISE
IT'S USELESS ALL BY ITSELF
FUMIKA-KUN WAS IT?
I HAVE IDEAS OF MY OWN...
BE-CAUSE AS IT TURNS OUT...
LET GO!
REEEEEE

PLEASE, GIVE UP NOW!
UNCLE...
FINE!
FINE, I GET IT!
I'M NOT SO STUBBORN I WON'T ADMIT WHEN I'VE LOST!
YUU!
COME ALONG NOW!
WE'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR TO-DAY
YOU SURE, YUUDAI-SAN?
I AM
YOU SEE, WHEN IT COMES TO SASHA-KUN

IF IT'S FOR HIS SAKE, EACH OF THESE YOUNG LADIES...
...WOULD GLADLY THROW HERSELF IN HARM'S WAY WITHOUT EVEN A MOMENT'S HESITATION
SUCH IS THE STRANGE DEVOTION HE INSPIRES
BUT WHILE IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE OVERMATCHED RIGHT NOW...

YOU KNOW, MAFUYU...
I'M STILL CONFIDENT THERE'LL COME A DAY WHEN YOU'LL TAKE MY SIDE
BECAUSE LIKE IT OR NOT, FATE KEEPS BRINGING US TOGETHER FOR A REASON



FAILED, YOU SAY?

YES
HE CALLED IN ELEVEN MINUTES AGO
MELOSZ
AND HE HAD A STORY THAT BROUGHT YOU TO TEARS, NO DOUBT

I SEE
BUT GORYOU AND GIORGIO
THEY'VE SECURED THE FORCE DIVERGENCE AS SCHEDULED

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW.
BE PATIENT.
PSSS
PSSS
PSSS
IXΘYΣ
IXSUS...

BRRROOMMMMMM
RMMMBLLL
gloop
swirrg

AND KNOW THAT IF YOU FALTER, YOU WILL DIE!
GO!
BRRRRRR
BRRRRRR

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